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: Pike et al. Serial No. : 10/088,291

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: July 29, 2002

Title

: MASONRY, MORTAR, AND STUCCO

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: 1755

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: 020356 116P2

Customer No. 33805

#### MAIL STOP PETITION

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P.O. Box 1450

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is the following in the above-identified patent application:

XX Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a) (12 pages)

XX Please charge our Deposit Account No. 502431 in the amount of \$ 0.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to such account. Two copies of this sheet are enclosed.

> Respectfully submitted, WEGMAN, HESSLER & VANDERBURG

Reg. No. 50,991

Patent Application No.:

10/088,291

Confirmation No.: 1130

Inventor:

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Sir/Madam:

# PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a)

Applicant, through its attorneys, petitions to withdraw the holding of abandonment of the above-referenced patent application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a) and M.P.E.P. § 711.03(c) I. A. on the basis that the Notice of Allowance was not received by counsel.

Although Applicant filed a Change of Correspondence on March 30, 2004 requesting that all future correspondence be directed to Customer No. 33805, which is associated with the law firm of Wegman, Hessler & Vanderburg at 6055 Rockside Woods Blvd., Suite 200, Cleveland, Ohio 44131, a Notice of Allowance dated November 1, 2004 and subsequently a Notice of Abandonment dated March 14, 2005 were mailed to counsel's former address at Beibel & French, 35 East First Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402. Counsel did not receive these two communications. A copy of the Change of Correspondence request and return receipt postcard indicating receipt by the P.T.O. is attached as Exhibit A.

Applicant's last communication with the PTO was a Response to an Office Action that Applicant mailed on September 30, 2004 in which the PTO acknowledged receipt with a return

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postcard stamped with the date October 4, 2004. As a follow up after the submitted response, counsel's secretary, Barbara Ann Sachs, inquired about the status of the application by calling the PTO on June 2, 2005. At that time, Ms. Sachs was informed that the application was abandoned. Her initial telephone call was with Bob who informed her that the Notice of Allowance had been mailed to Bruce Peacock at Biebel & French on November 1, 2004. He also informed her that a Notice of Abandonment Due to Failure to Pay the Issue Fee was sent to the Biebel & French address on March 14, 2005. Ms. Sachs then reviewed the file and found that the aforementioned Change of Correspondence request had been filed with the PTO.

Ms. Sachs then made a second telephone call to the PTO and spoke with Paul Shapiro. He stated that the applicant could prepare a Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Based on Non-Receipt of an Office Action. Later that day, Mr. Shapiro telephoned counsel, Bruce Peacock, and informed him about the abandonment and suggested that Mr. Peacock review the above noted MPEP section in order to prepare a petition seeking to withdraw the holding of abandonment.

Because the Change of Correspondence Address was never apparently entered in the file, Applicant did not receive the Notice of Allowance or the Notice of Abandonment. Also, Applicant cannot presently retrieve information from the PAIR system with respect to the application to confirm that the dates set forth above for the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Abandonment are accurate because the application has not been changed for affiliation with customer number 33805.

Attached hereto as Exhibit D is a docket report for the application that is maintained by Applicant's counsel. As shown in Exhibit D, if received, the Notice of Allowance would have been docketed and entered where it is marked with an "A". Counsel's docket clerk, Joyce J. Skulina, has provided a statement to further show that the Office communications were not received.

As support for this Petition, Applicant is submitting the following:

- 1) A copy of the Change of Correspondence Address mailed on March 30, 2004 with a returned postcard stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as received on April 1, 2004, identified as Exhibit A;
- A statement by counsel, Bruce E. Peacock, stating the Notice of Allowance and subsequently a Notice of Abandonment were not received, identified as Exhibit B;

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3) A statement from counsel's docket clerk, Joyce J. Skulina, who would have docketed the Notice of Allowance had it been received, identified as Exhibit C;

4) A copy of the docket record showing where the non-received Notice of Allowance would have been entered had it been received, identified as Exhibit D; and

A statement from secretary, Barbara Ann Sachs, describing her telephone call with the PTO to ascertain the status of the application, identified as Exhibit E.

It is respectfully submitted that the evidence provides the required showing to establish non-receipt of an Office communication in accordance with MPEP §711.03(c) I. A.

In consideration of these submissions, it is respectfully requested that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn and the Notice of Allowance be sent to the correct address at 6055 Rockside Woods Blvd., Suite 200, Cleveland, Ohio 44131. It is believed that a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a) does not require a fee. However, authorization is hereby made to charge a petition fee if one is required, or any other fee that may be associated with the above application, to Deposit Account No. 50-2431.

Respectfully submitted

Date: <u>6/9/2005</u>

By:

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#### EXHIBIT A

### PLEASE STAMP OR OTHERWISE INDICATE DATE OF RECEIPT OF ACCOMPANYING PAPERS AND RETURN TO US

Papers	Change of Correspondence Address
Applicant/Registran	Pike et al.
	Masonry, Mortar, and Stucco Cement
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#### **EXHIBIT B**

#### Statement of Bruce E. Peacock

I, Bruce E. Peacock, declare that I am a patent attorney for the law firm of Wegman, Hessler & Vanderburg, and formerly a patent attorney with the law firm of Biebel and French. I am involved in prosecuting U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/088,291. I hereby state:

- (a) On June 2, 2005, I was informed that a Notice of Abandonment had been issued in the above application in a phone call made to me by Mr. Paul Shapiro of the USPTO. Mr. Shapiro thoughtfully indicated that I should review MPEP §711.03(c) I.A. in order to seek revival of the application. I then followed up with my secretary, Barbara Ann Sachs, who informed me that she had also spoken with Mr. Shapiro that day about the Notice of Abandonment. Ms. Sachs indicated that our office never received the Notice of Allowance or Notice of Abandonment referred to by Mr. Shapiro. Ms. Sachs further indicated to me that a Change of Correspondence form had been sent to the PTO so that correspondence should have been mailed to us at our present address.
- (b) My search of the file jacket and the docket records in my office indicates that the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Abandonment were not received by us.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true; and that I am aware that false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any registration resulting therefrom.

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Date: June 9 2005 by: Muce Wearn

Bruce E. Peacock Registration No. 28,457

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#### EXHIBIT C

#### Statement of Joyce J. Skulina

I, Joyce J. Skulina, declare that I am the lead docket clerk for the Intellectual Property Section of the law firm of Wegman, Hessler & Vanderburg. I hereby state:

(a) I am responsible for opening and docketing all the mail received from the

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO").

(b) We use the patent docketing and management database known as The

Patent Management System from Computer Packages Inc to docket all

communications received from the PTO.

(c) Neither the Notice of Allowance or the Notice of Abandonment was

received by us from the PTO for U.S. Application Serial No. 10/088,291. If the

Notice of Allowance would have been received, it would have been docketed on

the line in Exhibit D that is marked with an "A".

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all

statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true; and that I am aware that

false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of

Title 18 of the United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any

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Date: June 9, 2005

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Client: HEADWATERS RESOURCES, INC.

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2nd Extension	22-Sep-2002	Reminder	22-Jul-2002	
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Information Disclosure Stmnt	29-Oct-2002	Due Date	29-Mar-2004	4
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3rd Extension	31-Aug-2003	Reminder	29-May-200	3
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#### **EXHIBIT E**

#### Statement of Barbara Ann Sachs

I, Barbara Ann Sachs, declare that I am a patent secretary for the law firm of Wegman, Hessler & Vanderburg. I hereby state:

- (a) Because we had not received communication from the PTO responsive to an amendment that we had submitted, on June 2, 2005, I made inquiry about the status of the U.S. Patent Application No. 10/088,291 by calling the PTO Customer Service Line. At that time, I spoke with Bob from the PTO who informed that the application was abandoned due to failure to pay the issue fee. Bob indicated that a Notice of Allowance was mailed to the former address of Biebel & French on November 1, 2004 and a Notice of Abandonment was mailed to the former address of Biebel & French on March 14, 2005.
- (b) I was further informed that the application could probably be revived if a Correspondence Change form had been filed.
- (c) I then checked the file and our docket sheets and found that we had not received either the Notice of Allowance or the Notice of Abandonment and that a Correspondence Change request form had been submitted to and received by the PTO.
- (d) I then called the PTO again and spoke with Mr. Shapiro who informed me about the requirements needed to file a Petition to Revive.
- (e) I then conferred with Mr. Peacock about the status of the application.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true; and that I am aware that false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any registration resulting therefrom.

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